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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 7 wherein said pattern comprises at least two differing individual elements, said absorbent article comprising an elastic component, said elastic component comprising a first substrate having an elastomeric composition disposed thereon in a predetermined geometric pattern such that said elastomeric composition partially penetrates said first substrate and wherein said elastic component is thereby formed and joined to the first substrate in a single step continuous process; wherein said pattern comprises at least one element selected from the group consisting of rectilinear stripes, curvilinear stripes, spirals, dots, geometric figures and combinations thereof; and wherein said pattern further comprises at least two differing individual elements.
12. (Original) An absorbent article according to Claim 11 wherein said individual elements differ in a property selected from the group consisting of differing width dimensions between said individual elements, differing thickness dimensions between said individual elements, differing spacing between said individual

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- elements, differing mechanical properties between said individual elements, differing visual appearance and differing permeability between said individual elements.
13. (Previously Presented) An absorbent article according to Claim 11 wherein said differing individual elements at least partially overlap.
14. (Original) An absorbent article according to Claim 11 wherein at least a portion of said differing individual elements are non-parallel with respect to each other.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled).
18. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 17 wherein elastomeric composition is disposed on at least one of said differing elastic components in a pattern that differs from the other of said components comprising an elastic component, said elastic component comprising a first substrate having an elastomeric composition disposed thereon in a predetermined geometric pattern such that said elastomeric composition partially penetrates said first substrate and wherein said elastic component is thereby formed and joined to the first substrate in a single step continuous process; wherein said elastic component is selected from the group consisting of a topsheet, a backsheet, an ear, a side panel, a waist member, a leg elastomeric member, a chassis member, a fastener, and combinations thereof; wherein said article further comprises at least two differing elastic components; and wherein said elastomeric composition is disposed on at least one of said differing elastic components in a pattern that differs from the other of said components.
19. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 17 18 wherein a different elastomeric composition is disposed on at least one of said differing elastic components.

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20. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article according to Claim 5 18 wherein said elastic component comprises an ear, said ear and said pattern comprises at least two differing elements.
21. (Original) An absorbent article according to Claim 20 wherein at said least two of said differing elements are disposed at an angle with respect to each other.
22. (Original) An absorbent article according to Claim 20 wherein said two differing elements differ in elastic properties.
23. (Canceled)
24. (Canceled)
25. (Canceled)
26. (Canceled)
27. (Canceled)